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PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

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1531 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas,  
November 7, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at Ninth St. N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with recent instructions, I forward herewith in duplicate mimeographed form covering the recent employment of [REDACTED] as confidential informant in the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O.#1218, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim - Kidnapping.

It will be noted that vouchers covering expenditures in the way of expenses and money advanced to this informant will be signed by the writer and by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley of the Oklahoma City office.

I am not quite sure whether the form has been filled out in accordance with the Division's desires and, if not, would appreciate comment on the same. One copy of this form has been placed in the confidential informant file at El Paso and one copy in the Alvin Karpis, et al, Kidnapping file.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RHC:bs  
Enclosed  
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Date: November 6, 1934.

**PAID INFORMANTS - TELEPHONE TAPS**

Title of case ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim - Kidnapping,

Name of informant \* \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Authority requested of Division by letter ( ) on \_\_\_\_\_  
telegram ( ) on \_\_\_\_\_  
teletype ( ) on \_\_\_\_\_  
telephone (X) on 10-29-54.  
(Date)

(Date)  
Inspector Cowley, Chicago, 10-29-34.

Approximate period of employment Indefinite.  
Rate of compensation per day \$ Expenses up / Compensation to be claimed  
~~to \$20 per week and reward.~~

Visited in Chief Clark's Office

Note:- On telephonic instructions of Inspector Cowley and also of Mr. Tamm of the Division, arrangements were made with Informant to proceed to Oklahoma in an effort to cause the apprehension of subjects in this case. He is working on the basis of being advanced travel expenses and incidental expenses up to \$20 per week during whatever time he may be engaged, with the understanding that should his efforts be successful in the apprehension of subjects and he is paid a reward that sums advanced him will be deducted from the amount of the reward. Blue slips for his expenses after October 31 will be submitted by the Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City.

\*Give name of person to whom telephone is listed.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
November 9, 1964

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.D.  
#1218; Arthur E. Barker with  
aliases, I.D. #1219; Ed Al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnapping

Transmitted herewith are fully executed forms in  
connection with the employment of [REDACTED] as a con-  
fidential informant in the above case.

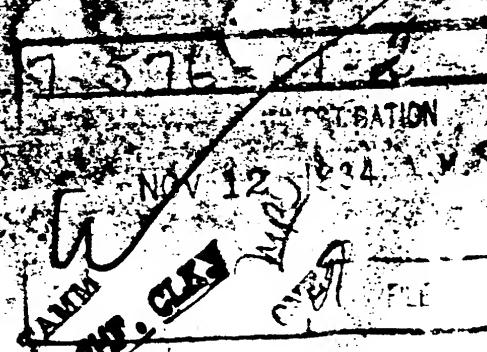
Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: November 6, 1954

PAID INFORMANTS - TELEPHONE TAPS

Title of case Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218; Arthur R. Barker with aliases, I.O. #1219; Et Al - Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnapping.

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Name of informant \* [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] Telephone No. [REDACTED]

Authority requested of Division by letter  on 10-19-54 from El Paso office.  
telegram  on \_\_\_\_\_  
teletype  on \_\_\_\_\_  
telephone  on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Authority granted by Division by letter  on \_\_\_\_\_  
telegram  on \_\_\_\_\_  
teletype  on \_\_\_\_\_  
telephone  on 10-27-54, Inspector Cowley to El Paso office  
(Date)

Approximate period of employment One month  
week

Rate of compensation per day \$ 20.00. Compensation to be claimed  
in voucher submitted by John B. Little,  
(Special Agent)

Noted in Chief Clerk's Office \_\_\_\_\_

Arrangements effected with this informant 11-2-54 at Oklahoma City  
as the result request for such employment by El Paso office as noted  
and authority therefor granted by Inspector Cowley as noted.

\*Give name of person to whom telephone is listed.

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420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

January 8, 1935. 97541

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania at 9th Street,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In conformity with Division letter of  
October 29, 1934, relative to paying informants:  
I am attaching hereto two copies of the form re-  
quired.

Very truly yours,

W.J. BLACK,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Detroit, Michigan  
January 30 1935

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Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 5th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #108;  
MR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #108;  
ET AL - Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED] transmitting eleven telephone tap forms which  
concern the following named individuals:

CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Harvard Club, 1009 Harvard Avenue, Tel. Michigan 5730  
Michigan 5736  
Michigan 5250

James A. (Shimmy) Patton, 5332 West  
Boulevard, unlisted telephone Clearwater 4777

TOLEDO, OHIO

R. & K Cigar store, 4245 Superior Street  
operated by Harold (Mig) Cowdin.

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Sam Goldstein, brother-in-law of Harold  
(Big) Cousins (Cousins lives  
here) 18 W. Woodruff Tel. Main 8283

Mayfair Apartments, Cherry Street, resi-  
dence of Bert Angus - pay  
station Tel. Main 8785

Willie Johnson, Mayfair Apartments. This  
party, who lives in Apt. 603  
next to Bert Angus, recently  
put in an unlisted telephone.  
It is assumed that Bert Angus  
might use this phone Tel. Main 8285

The Casino Club, Summit Street, operated  
by Bert and Ted Angus, pay  
station telephone Pontine 3079

The Flower Pharmacy, Collingwood Avenue,  
in which block Thelma Holtz  
and Rose Fitzgerald reside.  
They have been known to use  
drug store telephones to make  
contacts. Pay Station phones  
Jefferson 0262  
Jefferson 0264

Very truly yours,

Mr. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

WL:MSB

Encs. (Tel. Pay  
station)

DB:LMB  
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P. O. Box 1278  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
February 7, 1935

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

W.M.  
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Dear Sir:

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Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran with aliases,  
I.O. 1232; Volney Davis with aliases,  
I.O. 1237; Harry Campbell with aliases,  
I.O. 1236; et al; Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - Kidnapping.

Pursuant to telephonic instructions of Mr. Newby of the  
Division on February 7, 1935, a telephone tap has been placed on  
the telephone of Mrs. L. B. Hoffman, 416 East Oklahoma, Tulsa,  
Oklahoma, Telephone No. 2-7866, for a period of one week. This  
woman is a sister of Subject Volney Davis.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-St. Paul  
Mr. Connally (Chicago)

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 6, 1935.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
I. C. FISCH - FUGITIVE; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim  
Kidnapping, etc.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 5, 1935, in  
the above entitled case, wherein it is stated that through  
the courtesy of Lucas County Prosecutor, Mr. Frasier Reams,  
Agent Smith was introduced to an individual who is presently  
acting as an informant for the Bureau. This individual is

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Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

CCS:lk

cc - SAC E. J. Connelly

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Post Office Box 2778  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 2nd Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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RE: BUCH

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith forms executed in respect to  
some telephone taps which have been instituted in this district in con-  
nection with this case.

The telephones tapped are as follows:

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Seeds Mercantile Co.,  
220 E. 1st Street, Tulsa, Okla.  
Telephone #2-1532.

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This is the establishment of Louis Jacobs, boy friend of 351 N.  
Laura Campbell, sister of Harry Campbell, and the place is frequented by  
this sister.

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Mr. Ed. R. Smith  
416 South Rockford, Tulsa, Okla.  
Telephone #3-7654.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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The Campbells have no telephone and occasionally use the  
telephone of the Smiths and are called to that telephone on occasions.

These taps went into effect December 22, 1935 and will con-  
tinue until after the 1st of January, 1936.

The matter was discussed by telephone with Mr. Richmond of  
the Bureau on December 28, 1935 and authority for this action was granted  
by the Bureau the same date.

Very truly yours,

DAWNTON SHANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Chicago (Connelly)

St. Paul

Cincinnati

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P. O. Box 556  
Los Angeles, California  
Dec. 28, 1936.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: [REDACTED]

In connection with the above entitled case, and particularly  
concerning the surveillance which is being made in Los Angeles of Charles  
J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, there are attached hereto in duplicate two  
forms reporting the installation of taps on the telephones of Fitzgerald  
and his companion, Martin George Robertson.

This installation was made in accordance with telephone conversa-  
tion with Mr. Tamm and was confirmed by teletypes from the Los Angeles Bureau  
Office.

Very truly yours,

J. H. RANSOM  
Special Agent in Charge

JHR:ED  
cc Cincinnati  
cc St. Paul  
cc Mr. Counsler (Chicago)  
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